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1. Installation 1: North Barracks, former Navy prison. (Attachment 1 and 2)

This installation consists of an area measuring 400 x 150 m. extending in a N-S direction along an arterial road. Bordering the eastern and southern sides of the region are groups of buildings used as residential quarters; these become more numerous as their distance from the area increases. Barracks are located in the southwest angle of two tracks: a main track to the Baltiisk railroad station (54-39N, 19-53E), and a side track branching in the direction of a position fortified with concrete emplacements and shelters.

2. The northern section of the area is used as a Pw camp, housing about 1200 PW. In this section there are 5 units for PWs, three of which are built together. The three-part unit (1-3 on Attachment 2) is composed of two 80 m.-long buildings parallel to the road and one 50 m.-long connecting building. Two larger units along the road (5 and 8) are about 100-120 m. long.

3. The southern section of the area is composed of 8 units, 2 garages (90 and 60 m. long respectively), and a boiler house for steam heating (30 x 40 m.). The length of the units is standardized at about 80 m. (4,6,7,9,10,11,12,13). They are 2-storied throughout, are plastered brightly, and have red roofs.

25X1X\* [REDACTED] in April 1948, units 1-5 were occupied by 1200 PWs, unit 6 by a guard company, units 7 and 9 with a Lithuanian battalion. The remaining units were occupied by a motorized naval infantry regiment. The vehicles for this regiment never used the two large garages.

5. Directly south of the barracks area is a water tower.

6. Installation 2: Artillery Barracks (Attachment 1)

25X1X [REDACTED] The barracks is small, only a single red brick building along the street. It is 3-storied and about 70 m. long. Behind it is a small court surrounded by larger houses which can not be seen from the street. This barracks was also occupied by naval land troops, who wore grey-brown uniforms.

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7. In the city, west of the straight N-S highway, there is a cemetery. South of the cemetery, also on the west side of the highway, is a demolished red brick church, the south spire of which still stands. West of this church is a settlement covering an area of 400 x 500 m. and consisting of 100 standard 8 x 8 m. one-storied houses called "vacation" or "Finnish" houses.
8. The Artillery Barracks is about 300 m. south of the church and on the west side of the street. To the east, behind the houses, run the shunting tracks of the railroad station. The region between the church and the barracks is sparsely covered with buildings; it consists mostly of large gardens.

9. Installation 3: Skagerrak Barracks (Attachment 3)

The Skagerrak Barracks lie about 300 m. south of the Artillery Barracks (or 600 m. south of the red church) on the same side of the highway in the northern angle of a bend of the highway to the west and south. It is a small region, about 120 x 120 m., containing 4 large units which form a square around a court-yard. The E-W units are 80 m. long, and the two others are 60-70 m. long; all are three-storied. A large bakery and a house are located very close to the highway on its western side. North of the part of the highway which resumes the original N-S direction, and north of the west unit, lie a small tower and, farther on, a small gymnasium. The tower (water tower?) is 12 m. high and 6 m. in diameter. Everything is made of red brick.

10. A naval unit was stationed in these barracks in March 1948. They wore dark blue navy uniforms, with cross-stripes visible on the part of the shirt which shows under the coat.

11. Installation 4: Railroad Station (Attachment 1)

Branch lines begin about the level of the red church and extend southward about 800 m. These lines are about 50 m. east of the highway, separated from it by a row of single houses. There are eight branch lines.

12. Installation 5: Oil Depot for the Harbor (Attachment 1)

There is an oil storage depot in the northwest corner of harbor basin C. [REDACTED] a truckload of machine oil in barrels here in the winter of 1947-1948. No tanks are visible above ground in this area, which measures 100 x 100 m., and on which the only building is a small wooden barracks 12 m. long. Oil barrels were temporarily piled up in the barracks. Nevertheless, [REDACTED] this is an oil depot and not idle land.

13. Installation 6: Torpedo Workshop (Attachment 1)

This installation consists of four buildings, two of which are A and B, 80 x 15 x 10 m., one on each side of the railroad track which runs from the railroad station to the Kamstigall settlement and past harbor basins F and G. The western building (A) runs in an E-W direction, while the eastern one (B) runs in a N-S direction. They are both the same size except that B has 2 stories and is divided into different rooms, while A has 2 stories only in the eastern section. During the winter of 1947-1948, the office building contained a large empty room in which there were only a grinding machine and a compressor. [REDACTED] repair installations for 25X1X water and heating here.

14. About 80m. north of A is a third building (C) of the same size and design. At one time, this was used as a supply depot where soap, paints, and like items were issued.
15. The fourth, and last, building belonging to the installation is D, a heating plant made of brick and similar to the boiler house of the North Barracks. This building measures about 30 x 40 m. and is about 80 m. west of the railroad tracks. The distance between the tracks and the high ridge which runs west of them is about 400 m.
16. The entire complex is about on a level with harbor basin F, toward the southern end of it. The railroad track along which the buildings extend is about 150 m. distant from the harbor basin.

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At the entrance of the harbor there is an old fashioned fortification, about 200 x 350 m., surrounded by a moat which connects with harbor basin B. [REDACTED]

earth embankments serving as casemates form the walls of a court, in which there are five buildings. In 1947, the Soviets brought in building material for further construction. This citadel is also used as a barracks. Between the citadel and the harbor entrance there are only two buildings: a youth hostel and a pump station for waste water (P).

18. Installation 8: Repair Wharf (Attachment 1)

A repair wharf is situated on the south side of harbor basin E (on the sketch it is apparently badly drawn, since actually it appears to reach the southeast corner of the basin). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There are apparently 8 buildings of about equal size, two of which were observed to be about 60 x 10 x 10 m. In one of these, in the early part of 1948, there were about 12 motors, 200 x 160 x 150 cm., as well as 3-bladed propellers, 60 cm. in diameter, to be repaired. This building is on the western side of the area; next to it, on the east, is a boiler house with a small chimney. Farther east there is a workshop containing about 10 turning lathes, 3 or 4 milling machines, 2 small and 2 large boring machines. These last are 3 m. long and 3.5 m. high and are used to hollow out large cavities.

## 19. Opposite the wharf, on the north side of the basin, is a depot for small electrical fittings, a wooden barracks about 25 m. long.

20. Installation 9: Second Wharf - North (Attachment 1)

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[REDACTED] The area measured about 150 x 200 m., is along the water's edge in the northwest corner formed by the northernmost quay and the coastline toward Kamstigall. There is a single barracks in the area.

21. Installation 10: Naval Construction Office (Attachment 1)

This area measures 150 x 300 m., in which there is a large complex of six detached wooden barracks, each 30 m. long. It is situated about 300 m. south of the above-mentioned corner (para. 20). Building material of all kinds was stored here.

22. Installation 11: Lighthouse at Harbor Entrance (Attachment 1)23. Installation 12: City Garrison Headquarters (Attachment 1)24. Installation 13: Villa of the Commanding Admirals (Attachment 1)

This villa is a white two-storied building along the eastern side of the combined harbor basins C and D. It is opposite the entrance to basin B, which can be seen at a distance across the water.

25. Installation 14: Food Magazine (Attachment 1)

The food magazine is in the northeast corner of basin D. It is a red brick building covered with roofing paper and measuring 60 x 20 x 6 m.

26. Group of Bunkers in Baltisk (marked in green on Attachment 1)

A. A group of bunkers is located to the west of the North Barracks and about on a level with them. In 1946, a supply track for the bunker and artillery emplacements was laid directly north of the North Barracks by PW labor. This line branches off from the main track to the west and crosses the highway. This work involved straightening a curve by about 20 m. which had been originally laid too wide. [REDACTED]

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first part of the installation: 2 bunkers about 50 m. apart, 60-80 m. south of the supply track which disappears into the forest. These bunkers are about 500 m. west of the main railroad track. The bunkers are built into the side of a rise in the ground and are entered by descending a few steps. The interior measures about 10 x 20 m. and the bunkers are surrounded by a wall. In front of the bunkers is a small concrete loading platform, about 3 x 4 m. Farther westward in the woods are bunkers which are not visible.

- B. Two similar bunkers are located on a level with the tracks of the railroad station halfway between the Artillery Barracks and the Skagerrak Barracks. They are between the highway and the tracks, about 40 m. east of the highway, and they are sheltered by a wall on the eastern side.
- C. The "wooden house" bunker is a two-storied concrete block building, about 20 x 20 m., said to be used as a warehouse. It lies between harbor basins G and F, about 100 m. west of their western edge, and about 80 m. east of the road to Kamstigall.

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- D. [REDACTED] among the trees about 500 m. north of the harbor entrance and 150 m. east of the shore 8 small concrete bunkers, 5 x 6 m. and 2.5 m. high, in pairs, with barrel-vaults and two doors in the western wall. Nearby, there are empty gun emplacements, concrete blocks 6 x 6 m. with bolts. The interval between each pair of bunkers is about 50 m. They are parallel to the coast and about even with the railroad station bunkers. The distance of these bunkers from the highway is estimated to be 1200 m. or more.

27. Antiaircraft Gun Emplacement (Attachment 1)

Between the main railroad track and the NNE branch line there is a high ridge. On the eastern slope of this ridge, about even with harbor basins G and F, there was an antiaircraft gun emplacement in the early part of 1948.

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28. Harbor Basins (Attachment 1)

- A. The southernmost basin next to the lighthouse. On the north quay, NNE corner, civilian freighters and an occasional tugboat unload.
- B. In the northeast corner a permanently anchored houseboat belonging to the navy. In the middle of the north quay a naval vessel 6-20 m. long: its stern sloping vertically, its bow cut somewhat obliquely, a small slanting smokestack, on the bow a small cannon, a similar one at the stern, 1.5 m. above the water line.
- C. West quay used for unloading of tugboats carrying cement and coal.
- D. Unloading at the food magazine (described in para. 25) at the north corner of the east quay.
- E. Only for repair wharf (para. 18), occasional unloading at the spare parts depot opposite.
- F. Navy harbor. At the south quay there is usually a large war ship similar to the "Maksim Gorki". Farther east there is a destroyer 60 m. long, and, generally 6 small vessels of the type in basin B, in two rows side by side in groups of three. (Winter 1948)
- G. The "Maksim Gorki" is docked in the middle of the south quay. Farther west and at the north quay are three laid-up freighters.
- H. Freighters, particularly tug-boats with wood, cement, stone, and other items for the Naval Construction Office unload here.

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29. Ammunition Dump near Lokhshtadt (54-42N, 19-58E) (Attachment 4)

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ammunition dump about 800 meters square, near Lokhshtadt, on the Nehrung north of Baltiisk. The dump is about 5 km. north of the main railroad station of Baltiisk and 200-300 m. west of the road to Primorsk (Fishhausen). About 100 m. south of the castle ruins of Lokhshtadt, which are west of the road, the Nehrung is barricaded with barbed wire and sentries. There is traffic control.

30. The ammunition dump itself is in the woods about 1200 m. south of the fence. About 800 m. north of the dump, along the west coast, is a large, white, many-storied building, a former children's home, now enlarged and occupied by the military. About 100 m. south of the dump, there is an east-west road branching off from the highway to Primorsk and going to the completely destroyed village of Neuhauser. From there the road extends southward to Baltiisk.

31. The area of the ammunition dump stretches right to the shore. At the dump source observed two earth bunkers reinforced with concrete, each measuring about 10 x 12 m. In one of the bunkers 8 truck loads of 120 mm. shells (Grenaten) were piled up. In addition, source more than once saw 122 mm. cannon on rubber-tired mounts brought there coupled to trucks.

32. Armed Train

Between Baltiisk and Kaliningrad there runs a train armed with heavy railway artillery. The train has special cars, one car with small antiaircraft guns and machine guns at each end of the train. Six troop cars alternate with six cars armed with heavy long-barreled guns about 6-7 m. long with a caliber estimated by source to be "over 150 mm. in any case".

Attachments:

1. Sketch of Baltiisk (2 pages)
2. Sketch of North Barracks at Baltiisk
3. Sketch of Skagerrak Barracks at Baltiisk
4. Sketch of Ammunition Dump at Lokhshtadt

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